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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 October 2008.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11 and 15-18 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11 and 15-18 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2, 4, 8-9, 11, 15-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-2, 4, 8-9, 11, and 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rune (US 2002/0115460) in view of Sarkkinen (US 2003/0119533), and further in view of Sharma (US 2005/0009527).

Regarding claims 1, 8, and 16, Rune teaches a method of processing messages received by user equipment from a network [0004-0005], the method comprising: receiving a message at the User Equipment that indicates that the User Equipment should move into a dedicated channel state [0016-0018, 0067-0068], wherein the message is **one of** the following: a Cell Update Confirm message **or** a Universal Mobile Telecommunication System Terrestrial Access Network Registration

Area ([0006, 0021] UMTS), Update Confirm message **or** a Radio Resource Control Connection setup message [0006, 0021, 0055-0056]; and wherein when the message includes a new cell identifier [0004-0008], not storing the User Equipment any record of the cell identifier included in the message [0004-0008, 0023-0027, 0036-0038, 0063-0069]; and

But Rune does not clearly teach optionally sending a response message receivable by the network, after the UE is cleared of any record of a cell identifier.

However, Sarkkinen teaches an optionally sending a response message receivable by the network, after the UE is cleared of any record of a cell identifier [0005-0009, 0034, 0041-0042, 0077], in which includes a method and apparatus for keeping track of User equipment (UE) locations for performing multicast services in a network that includes a Radio Resource Controller (RRC) connection in response to the message, updating and cleaning or clearing or deleting of the record can be made based on User Equipments' identification (See Figures #1-4, [0034, 0041-0042, 0077]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Rune, with Sarkkinen's teaching, in order to keep track of user equipment locations for multicast services including update message when the user equipment detects a multicast, and allowing the Radio Network Controller to keep a record of the location of the device.

But Rune and Sarkkinen do not explicitly teach in response to the message, clearing from the device any record of a cell identifier before moving to the dedicated channel state.

However, Sharma teaches in response to the message [0011-0019, 0065], clearing from the device any record of a cell identifier before moving to the dedicated channel state [0011-0019, 0064-0069, 0072, 0101-0106].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Rune and Sarkkinen's, with Sharma's system, in order to provide a connection mode configuration that includes a transition state to implement transitioning to a duplex state such as a temporary identifier in 3GPP communication system for facilitating efficient maintenance of wireless communications e.g. monitoring messages in different resources and/or interfaces such as handover etc.

Regarding claims 2, 9, and 17, Rune, Sarkkinen, and Sharma teach the method according to claim 1, wherein the dedicated channel is a Cell_DCH channel [0047-52, 0055-0063] of Sarkkinen.

Regarding claim 15, Rune, Sarkkinen, and Sharma the mobile telecommunication device incorporating apparatus according to claim 8, (See Figures #1-4) of Sarkkinen.

Regarding claims 4, 11, and 18, Rune, Sarkkinen, and Sharma the method according to claim 1, **but Rune and Sarkkinen do not teach** wherein the cell identifier is a Cell Radio Network Temporary Identifier [0011-0019, 0064-0069, 0072, 0101-0106] of Sharma.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-8131. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am - 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles N. Appiah can be reached on 571-272-7904. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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